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Judy Giniger, Director  
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Dear Ms. Giniger:

This letter officially transmits the 2003 Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) and Unincorporated Public Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA) population estimates.

The Office of Financial Management's 2003 population estimates for cities and counties and other estimates were used in developing the 2003 PTBA estimates.

The development of populations for specific PTBAs is indicated below.

1. In Chelan, Clallam, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, and Pacific Counties, the PTBA includes the entire county. Thus, the 2003 PTBA estimates are the same as the county population estimates.
2. The PTBA estimate for Clark County is the county's 2003 population estimate, less the small part of the city of Woodland in Clark County.
3. The population of the Lewis County PTBA consists of the 2003 city population estimates of Centralia and Chehalis, plus the two 2000 Census blocks between them.
4. In the Benton/Franklin and the Chelan/Douglas PTBAs, separate estimates for the portion of the PTBA in each county were made and then summed to the PTBA total.
5. The Cowlitz County PTBA consists of the cities of Kelso and Longview.

In all the remaining PTBAs the estimates were made by determining the proportion of each PTBA population to the appropriate county population in 2000, then applying this proportion to the 2003 estimate of the population of these counties.

The Garfield County UTBA consists of the unincorporated portion of the county.

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As in the past, the 2003 PTBA population estimates will be revised should any annexations be made by a PTBA before the next annual release.

If you should have any questions about these estimates, please contact me at (360) 902-0589.

Sincerely,

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Demographer

Enclosures

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**Official April 1, 2003 Population Estimates of  
Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA) and  
Unincorporated Transit Benefit Area (UTBA)<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Public Transportation Benefit Area</b>	<b>Population</b>
Benton/Franklin	177,035
Benton	137,145
Franklin	39,890
Chelan/Douglas	94,930
Chelan	67,900
Douglas	27,030
Clallam	65,300
Clark	372,215
Cowlitz	47,120
Garfield	885
Grant	77,100
Island	74,000
Jefferson	26,700
Kitsap	237,000
Lewis	22,125
Mason	50,200
Pacific	20,900
Pierce	679,815
Skagit	95,605
Snohomish	445,960
Spokane	373,840
Thurston	134,630
Walla Walla	46,740
Whatcom	174,365

<sup>1</sup>See following notes.

## **Notes for Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA) and Unincorporated Benefit Area (UTBA)**

1. The boundaries of PTBAs and the UTBA were obtained from the Department of Revenue's Second Quarter (April) 2003 electronic files of sales tax districts. PTBAs may be an entire county, or may be cities, with or without parts of the unincorporated county area. A general description of the PTBAs listed is provided below.
  - PTBAs are countywide in Chelan, Clallam, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, and Pacific Counties. The Clark County PTBA includes the entire county (excluding Woodland). The Grant County PTBA includes the entire county (excluding Coulee Dam).
  - The Cowlitz County PTBA consists of the cities of Kelso and Longview. The Lewis County PTBA consists of the cities of Centralia and Chehalis and the two 2000 Census blocks between them.
  - The Unincorporated UTBA consists of the unincorporated part of Garfield County.
  - The remaining PTBAs consist of cities and parts of the unincorporated area.
2. The 2003 Office of Financial Management population estimates were used for all of the PTBAs that were generally countywide or a combination of cities.
3. The basic methodology for the 2003 PTBA populations in those counties containing cities and parts of the unincorporated county area is as follows:
  - Determine the proportion each PTBA is to the appropriate county population reported in the 2000 census.
  - Then apply each proportion to the 2003 population estimate of these counties.
  - All the U.S. Bureau of the Census corrections were made to the county populations through April 1, 2003.